



# State of Utah

## OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

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Dear Colleagues:

This letter is to inform you that the Utah Office for Victims of Crime will soon be receiving funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program. The VAWA Grant Program encourages the development and implementation of effective law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to combat violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services involving crimes against women. The State of Utah will sub award **\$1,500,000.00** to address the twenty VAWA program purposes which are included in this mailing. **Currently funded 2017 VAWA subgrantees are encouraged to apply, as well as all other applicable agencies. The 2018 VAWA grant will be awarded on a competitive process.**

To assist you in developing grant proposals, UOVC will be hosting VAWA grant training:

- 1) Friday, **September 8, 2017** at Abbey Inn, 1129 South Bluff Street, St. George from **8:00am to 12:00pm**. Please **register** at <https://swavoseptember2017.eventbrite.com/> to ensure your place and training materials.
- 2) Thursday, **September 14, 2017** at UOVC, 350 East 500 South, SLC, Utah from **9:30am to 1:30pm**. Seating is limited – please **register** at <https://vawagranttraining2017.eventbrite.com/> to ensure your place and training materials.

Due to extensive changes with the VAWA application and the 2013 STOP Violence Against Women Act, an applying agency must send a representative to one of the above listed trainings.

The FY 2018 VAWA Grant Application will be available on the Utah Office for Victims of Crime website at [www.crimevictim.state.ut.us](http://www.crimevictim.state.ut.us) on or about September 8, 2017.

**The 2018 VAWA application must be received in our office no later than Wednesday, October 18, 2017 by 5:00pm.**

VAWA funding will be awarded in each of the following categories as required by VAWA statute:

FUNDING CATEGORY	FUNDS TO ALLOCATE	PERCENTAGE
Prosecution	\$375,000.00	25%
Law Enforcement	\$375,000.00	25%
Victim Services	\$450,000.00	30%
Discretionary	\$225,000.00	15%
Courts	\$75,000.00	5%

If you have questions regarding your agencies ability to meet at least one of the twenty VAWA statutory program purposes or if you have any questions regarding the eligibility of your organization to apply for VAWA funds, please contact: Christine Watters at 801-238-2369 or [cwatters@utah.gov](mailto:cwatters@utah.gov)

Moriah Pease at 801-333-3521 or [mpease@utah.gov](mailto:mpease@utah.gov)

For additional information, a VAWA proposed time line and the VAWA program purposes are attached.

Respectfully,

Christine Watters, Utah Victim Assistance Coordinator

## 2018 S.T.O.P. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT TIMELINE

ACTION		DATE
FY 2018 Grant application information available at the Utah Office For Victims of Crime (UOVC) website at: <a href="http://www.crimevictim.utah.gov">www.crimevictim.utah.gov</a>		Friday September 8, 2017
<b>VAWA Training</b> Best Western – Abbey Inn 1129 So. Bluff Street St. George		Friday September 8, 2017 8:00am – 12:00pm
<b>VAWA Training</b> UOVC – Training Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor) 350 East 500 South Salt Lake City		Thursday September 14, 2017 9:30am – 1:30pm
<b>Application Technical Assistance</b> UOVC – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 350 East 500 South Salt Lake City		Wednesday October 4, 2017 <i>Walk-in between the hours of 9am-3pm</i>
<b>Application Technical Assistance</b> UOVC – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 350 East 500 South Salt Lake City		Wednesday October 11, 2017 <i>Walk-in between the hours of 9am-3pm</i>
<b>APPLICATION DUE DATE</b> <u>Must be received, in our office:</u>  <b>UOVC</b> 350 East 500 South #200 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111  <b>NO LATER THAN 5:00PM</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>OCTOBER 18, 2017</b>
For agencies outside Salt Lake County, applications can be sent by overnight mail, but <u>must be postmarked</u> by 5:00pm on October 18, 2017		
Grant Review (Read, rate, and discuss grant applications)	Ongoing through: October - November	
Final award notification letters mailed	Thursday December 15, 2017	
UOVC staff available to meet with Sub-grantees to discuss required grant revisions	December 2017 – January 2018	
Grant contracts to be finalized, <u>no later than</u> :	Wednesday January 31, 2018	
If you have questions regarding the time-line or eligibility of your organization's application for VAWA funding, please contact:	Christine Watters 801-238-2369 or <a href="mailto:cwatters@utah.gov">cwatters@utah.gov</a>	
	Moriah Pease 801-333-3521 or <a href="mailto:mpease@utah.gov">mpease@utah.gov</a>	



## **20 Program Purposes for the S.T.O.P. VAWA FORMULA Grant**

1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence, including the use of nonimmigrant status under subparagraphs (U) and (T) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a));
2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims;
4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence programs, developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
6. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence;
7. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by State funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence
8. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault;
9. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals;
10. Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters;
11. Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families;

12. Supporting the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants”) in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and may undertake the following activities— (A) developing, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases; (B) notifying persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency; (C) referring persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services); and (D) taking other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.

13. Providing funding to law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and state, tribal, territorial, and local governments (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote— (A) the development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as “Crystal Judson Victim Advocates,” to provide supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel; (B) the implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (“Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project” July 2003); and (C) the development of such protocols in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial and local victim services providers and domestic violence coalitions. Note: Any law enforcement, state, tribal, territorial, or local government agency receiving funding under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program shall, on an annual basis, receive additional training on the topic of incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel from domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations and, after a period of two years, provide a report of the adopted protocol to the Department, including a summary of progress in implementing such protocol. As such, states and territories are responsible for ensuring that each subgrantee receiving funds under this purpose area will receive the required annual training. States are also responsible for ensuring that subgrantees submit their two-year report to the Department. States and territories must notify and provide OVW with a list of subgrantee recipients awarded STOP funds under the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program.

14. Developing and promoting state, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

15. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.

16. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims.

17. Developing, enlarging or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional or detention settings.

18. Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims.

19. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs and projects to provide services and responses to male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whose ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity, as defined in sec 249(c) of title 18, US Code

20. Developing, enhancing, or strengthening prevention and educational programming to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, with not more than 5 percent of the amount allocated to a state to be used for this purpose.